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SUBJ: FORMATION OF NEW CABINET

REF: LA PAZ 4365, 4338 AND A-128

1. LA PAZ PRESS (PRESENCIA) OF MONDAY, JULY 8 REPORTS
THAT PRES BANZER WILL ADDRESS THE NATION EVENING OF
JULY 8, ANNOUNCING FORMATION OF ALL-MMILITARY CABINET NOW
AND ELECTIONS IN MAY 1975.

2. INFORMED SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE FPN SCHEME OF
GOVERNMENT, THAT IS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE BANZER
REGIME BY THE FSB, MNR AND BARIENTISTAS WILL CONTINUE
IN MODIFIED FORM. THE MNR AND FSB SUBSECRETARIES IN
THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES WILL REMAIN, AND A POLITICAL
COMMISSION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THESE THREE PARTIES
WILL BE FORMED TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE
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CABINET ON A WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY BASIS TO ADVISE THE

GOVERNMENT ON POLITICAL PROBLEMS. IT IS ANTICIPATED
THAT SPOKESMEN FOR THE INDIVIDUAL PARTIES WILL PUBLICLY
EXPRESS THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

3. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW WELL THIS THINLY CAMOUFLAGED
MILITARY REGIME WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION. THE TEMPTATION
WOULD BE FOR ANY ONE OF THE MAJOR PARTIES TO PULL OUT OF
THE ARRANGEMENT THE FIRST TIME THAT AN ARMED FORCES OFFICER
ACTING IN HIS MINISTERIAL CAPACITY FAILS TO TAKE THE
ADVISE OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION. IN ADDITION, WITH
THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTIONS IN MAY 1975, THE TENDENCY
WILL BE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO
THEIR OWN ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS AND TO THEIR POPULARITY
THAN TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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